

Abstract of the Disclosure

An interactive television program guide system and method is provided. Time separators are  
5 displayed within lists of program listings to allow users to more easily view the program listings. On-screen arrows have their display characteristics changed according to user actions. Similar program listings are displayed only once when using search  
10 program listings. Users are provided with an opportunity to view channel information before setting channels as favorites. Information from local information services is provided in program guide display screens that are configurable by a main  
15 facility. Users are provided with an opportunity to centrally lock and unlock programs, and to bypass locks when desired.